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8. (amended) The weather seal of Claim 3, further comprising one or more reinforcement elements adjacent to and along the length of said core on only one side thereof, said tape encapsulating said core and attaching said reinforcement elements to said core.

Please add new Claims 9 and 10 as follows:

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9. (new) The weather seal of Claim 6 wherein said attaching step is carried out by fusion bonding.

10. (new) The weather seal of Claim 6 wherein said attaching step is carried out by encapsulation of said elements and said core.

Remarks

Inasmuch as the use of subheadings is not mandatory under 37 C.F.R. 1.77(b) Applicant has elected not to use them. The objection to the specification should be withdrawn.

Claims 6 and 7, rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(2), have been amended to obviate the objection as to form (use of "or"). The substance of these claims is unchanged. Language removed from Claim 7 is presented in new Claims 9 and 10. Please withdraw this objection.

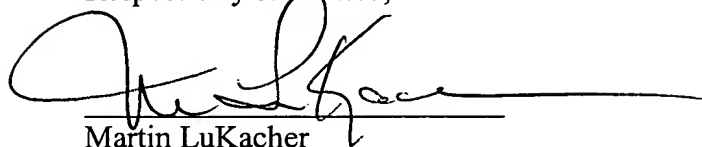
The rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 on Weichman, U.S. Patent No. 4,517,233 (233), is respectfully traversed. The claims call for use of a substrate of recycled elastomeric material (Claims 1-4 and 8) or extension control elements applied only on one side of the core, as Claims 5 and 8 are presented in amended form.

Weichman '233 is cited in the specification and the absence of these claimed elements is noted (page 2, first full paragraph). It shows only the usual extension control elements knitted or interwoven with both wires of his core (see col. 4, lines 46-50) and on and around the wires (not on one side). The narrow wire 20 is part of the core, not an extension control element. There is just one coating (col. 3, line 39) and no substrate of recycled material.

Allowance is therefore urged.

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Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

Marked-up version of amended Claims 5, 6, 7, and 8

5. (amended) A weather seal comprising a core, longitudinal extension control and reinforcing elements applied along only one side of said core by carrying said core around a wheel which exposes a space thereof, applying said element through said space as said wheel rotates, and attaching said elements to said core in said space after application.

6. (amended) The weather seal according to Claim 5 wherein said core is a wire loop carrier and elements are yarns, selected from the group consisting of [including] polyester [or] strands, fiberglass strands, [or] metal wires [or] and monofilaments.

7. (amended) The weather seal according to Claim 6 wherein said attaching step is carried out by chemical bonding, [as] with adhesive applied where said elements contact the core[, or by fusion bonding or by encapsulation of said elements with said core].

8. (amended) The weather seal of Claim 3, further comprising one or more reinforcement elements adjacent to and along the length of said core on only one side thereof, said tape encapsulating said core and attaching said reinforcement elements to said core.